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Masanori Hashiba et al.

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For: FIBER BOARD AND ITS PRODUCING
METHOD

Examiner: M. L. Dixon

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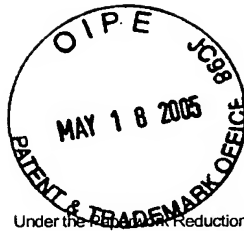
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	BE	JP-07-119098-A1	05-09-1995	Showa Highpolymer Co., Ltd.		✓
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